



Meet Me at The Market

Mickey Cummings & Kristy Peney

This week we would like to introduce you to Michael and Harold Long. Michael and his Dad have a farm out on Skenah Gap Road where they raise squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, blueberries, peas, potatoes, sweet corn, green beans, apples and a few fish. The pair also are partners in a beef cattle farm down close to Carrolton, GA. The farm on Skenah Gap was Harold's boyhood home and some years ago he was provided with the opportunity of buying the old home place. After purchasing the place he and his son began growing some produce. They have been coming to the market for a long time and enjoy meeting people here.

Michael spent 3 or 4 years in the US Army back during the mid-1980s and after his time was up he wanted to come back home to the Blue Ridge Mountains. He enjoys hunting and just being outside. So, if you go looking for him and cannot find him go to the woods. You might find him hunting or just out walking. He enjoys the peace and quiet of being outside. He tells me the most difficult things about farming are: dealing with critters eating up your crop and trying to keep decent help in harvesting your crops. If you are looking for friendly conversation look up Harold and Michael Long in building C stalls 86 and 88.

Next week, July 20th,

the Farmers Market will host our annual Sweet Corn Shuck-in' and Tastin' at the Farmers Market. Our Shuckin' Contest will be held at 9 a.m. and our Tastin' will begin around 10 a.m. We will have many different varieties of sweet corn for your tasting pleasure and hopefully, you'll find your favorite.

The following week, July 27th, the Farmers Market will be a part of the Annual Green Bean Festival. The Square in downtown Blairsville will host the Green Bean Festival on both Saturday and Sunday while the Farmers Market will be held at its usual time and place on Saturday. We will maintain some of our usual events that day. We will conduct a "Frying Pan Toss" and a "Canning Contest". You can just show up for the Frying Pan Toss at 10 a.m. If you would like to participate in the Canning Contest please bring your entries to the Canning Plant by 9 a.m. on Saturday July 27th. These will be judged and winners announced by 11 a.m.

To find out more information about our events at the Union County Farmers Market please follow us on Facebook or visit our website at ucfarmersmarket.com.

Remember, we want everyone to come out and "Meet Us At The Market" each Tuesday from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. NT0017217CA

S.A.F.E.'s Volunteers of the Quarter



(L-R): Sheila Tucker and Susan Merck

Each quarter S.A.F.E. selects two volunteers, a direct service volunteer and a thrift store volunteer, to honor for their dedication and hard work. They are both presented with an award certificate, and a gift certificate. We truly appreciate all of our volunteers, and can't thank them enough for their service.

The Direct Service Volunteer selected this quarter is Sheila Tucker. Sheila volunteers at our domestic violence shelter doing transportation, child care, and also helps with special events.

Our Thrift Store Volunteer chosen this quarter is Susan Merck. Susan volunteers her time working at our Young Harris Thrift Store, as well as helping with special events. So, congratulations to both of these outstanding volunteers.

S.A.F.E. Inc. is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization providing services to victims of Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, and Sexual abuse in Towns and Union counties, and includes a domestic violence shelter, child advocacy center, and provides a 24 hour crisis hotline. NT0017219CA

What are Ecosystems? Beneficial and supportive

Carol G. Chandler

I have been noticing more and more hobby gardeners referring to Ecosystems. It is a valuable term of academia used to communicate new research, methods, terminology and ideas being utilized with the propagation and survival of insects, fish, birds, reptiles, and highly valued pollinators of native plants both in rural and urban settings. An ecosystem is a specific group of these life forms that can live together in a beneficial, supportive way. An example of harmful plants would be plants from a different part of the world: Kudzu, Chinese Privet, and Invasive Thorny Thistle. Typically they grow prolifically, are destructive and of no or little benefit to life forms within a particular ecosystem. By being uncontrollable, one example of its harm is to provide very little

space to truly provide needed beneficial water, food or shelter to both our wildlife and tiny soil life forms in need. Birds, for example, while searching for sustenance, will settle for poorer replacements and thus help spread non-native, inferior berries. Machinery, humans and animals also can help spread seeds both "good & bad".

One excellent way to decrease weeds, increase soil life, and provide food for wildlife is through the use of cover crops. Not only is it important to keep the soil covered; but, it also decreases loss of nutrients, and protects plant roots from extreme variances in heat and cold. Buckwheat (warm weather); Oats, and Winter Rye are good winter grown grains. Turnips, limit to 2 years in one area at a time ...are good for winter animal grazing. Aus-

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Towns County in 2017 and is now majoring in chemistry at Clemson University.

Her son William will be a Towns County freshman this fall, and she's done lots of volunteer work at the schools over the years, too.

And though McConnell has never before held public office, she looks forward to getting started in her new position on the board of education.

"The schools are great," McConnell said. "I'm a product of Towns County High School, my husband is a product of Towns County High School, and we went on to do great things.

You can do great things from Towns County Schools.

"I do get a little frustrated with people knocking it down. I get a little frustrated with a lot of the criticisms, because like I said, I graduated from here. You can do anything you want to do; you've just got to have the support and the backup to do it.

"So, I look forward to getting out there and telling people that. It's a great school system."

As a new board member, McConnell said she wants to focus on expanding STEM education and college opportunities for students, and

she hopes to help the schools tackle their longstanding problem of consistency among the teaching staff.

Also in the July 1 meeting, the board discussed the summer modernization projects going on at the schools.

"All the bathrooms are completed, most of the classroom floors are already put down, so by the end of (this) week, all of that should be done," Berrong said.

Once construction is completed on the modernization projects and before preplanning and the students' open house in August, Berrong said he plans to hold a Community Open House for everyone to come and see all the work that's been done.

As far as the new football

field in Frank McClure Memorial Stadium, the company installing the \$1 million field started laying artificial turf on last Thursday.

The field will be completed by Aug. 15 and possibly sooner, Berrong said, at which point they will start the resurfacing and painting of the track.

All the locker rooms, bathrooms and lighting are finished in Bill P. Kendall Gymnasium, though they are still working on the front entrance to the gym, and the seats are about to be installed, Berrong said.

The Towns County Board of Education will meet again on Monday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. in the board office.

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exactly. We haven't received anything in writing as far as what the equipment is going to look like specifically.

"We're still a little bit in the dark on what's forthcoming. We wanted to at least give them an idea that there was a possibility that things will look different from the way they

looked at the last election.

"Where Tate City's always been able to travel here, we let them know that that's probably not going to be an option in the future, that we would have to transport the equipment to them.

"And there's also a possibility that, for security,

we may have to have someone, possibly law enforcement, that would have to stay with the equipment once it arrives there."

In other Towns County Elections Board news, new part-time Administrative Assistant Laura Edge was introduced and appointed in the July 10 meeting.

"Laura will be working

with us indefinitely until we're told otherwise," said Board Chair Janet Oliva. "She works on Wednesdays. She comes to us extremely qualified."

As a presidential election year, 2020 will feature many important elections both nationwide and locally, including the offices of commissioner and sheriff of Towns County, as well as city

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methamphetamine; possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony; tampering with evidence.

Emily Ann Anderson, trafficking methamphetamine or amphetamine; possession of methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute; possession of a Schedule II controlled

substance; possession of a Schedule IV controlled substance; possession of drug-related objects; possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony; possession of a firearm by first offender/conditional discharge.

Zachary Ryan Ramsey, trafficking methamphetamine or amphetamine; possession of

methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute; possession of drug-related objects; possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Matthew Allen Anderson, possession of cocaine; possession of cocaine with intent to distribute; possession of methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute; possession of marijuana, less than an ounce; possession of drug-related objects.

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Misty Michelle May, possession of cocaine; possession of cocaine with intent to distribute; possession of methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute; possession of marijuana, less than an ounce; possession of drug-related objects.

Fundraiser for MIAP sponsored by Club 66 Veterans and Associates Inc.



Fundraiser July 20th for MIAP sponsored by Club 66 Veterans and Associates Inc., 2641 Hwy. 66, Young Harris, GA, starting at 12 noon.

Daniel Poirier is the State Coordinator for Missing in America Project, he became a volunteer in 2015 after laying wreaths at the Georgia National Cemetery in December of 2014. Their group noticed MIAP on the grave markers, after much research they realized it meant Missing in America Project. Daniel has been involved in speaking to various groups about what they do in locating the unclaimed human remain of veterans, which have been located in funeral homes, foreclosed homes, through evictions, car trunks, homeless veterans unclaimed at morgue, just to name a few. MIAP is looking for volunteers. Daniel is a retired military member with 5 years service in the US Army and 33 years in the US Airforce Reserve before retiring as a Master Sergeant. He currently lives in Blairsville, GA.

MIAP Mission Statement is to locate, identify, and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of American Veterans through the joint effort of private, state, and federal organi-

zations. To provide honor, respect and dignity to those who have served this country by securing a resting place for these forgotten Heros. You can visit their web site at www.miap.us click GA.

We truly believe in this organization. The fundraiser will include a Cornhole Tournament; Smoked Boston Butts and the fixin's at \$8 a plate; event tee-shirts; tickets for

door prizes; and 50/50, all proceeds go to MIAP.

Our community and neighbors have stepped up to help sponsor this event, such as: Versatile Guns, Murphy; Ipatroit, The Tobacco Shop; Jacky Jones Dodge, Haysville; Chatuge Family Practice; Carl Patterson Flooring; Overhead Doors; Rib Country; Nunn's Automotive Service; Bill Potts Insurance; Hiawasse Hard-

ware; Rafters Truck and Trailer Repair; Underbrush and Labor Services; Eddie Cook Supper Center; Year Round Cleaning; Paw's 4A Warrior; and Black Tie and Tail Dog Grooming. We are grateful for their support, our veterans deserve respect for their sacrifice to our country.

Come out and help support MIAP and make others aware of this organization.

House passes Resenthaler Bill supporting police officers

WASHINGTON - Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA), Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee, released the following statement after Rep. Guy Resenthaler's (R-Penn.) legislation, the Supporting and Treating Officers in Crisis Act of 2019 (STOIC Act), passed the House with bipartisan support.

"The Supporting and Treating Officers in Crisis Act will help save the lives of law enforcement officers across the country. As the son of a Georgia State Trooper, I understand the sacrifices law enforcement officers and their

families make every day. I'm encouraged by how many of my colleagues put their support behind this bill, and want to thank my friend, Congressman Guy Resenthaler, for introducing this bill and helping send it to the president's desk."

The STOIC Act expands the statutory language of pre-existing family support grant programs to ensure those grants support suicide-prevention efforts, mental health screenings and trainings to identify and help officers at risk for suicide.

The STOIC Act passed



Rep. Doug Collins in the Senate as S. 998 in May 2019, and now heads to the president's desk.

NGTC Instructor Chris Bladowski named American Culinary Federation Atlanta Educator of the Year

North Georgia Technical College culinary arts instructor Chris Bladowski was recently named Atlanta Educator of the Year for the American Culinary Federation. The American Culinary Federation is a nation-wide professional organization for chefs and cooks across the U.S.

"It is a great honor to be recognized by the American Culinary Federation," said Bladowski. "To be rewarded for the work that NGTC does for the local and state community is fantastic."

Bladowski got his start in the culinary world as a dishwasher at age 13. He notes that it was there he received his first taste of "excitement, adrenaline, flames, chaos and order of the kitchen." After graduation from both the University of Georgia and Culinary Institute of America, he then moved to France to continue his culinary training. After moving back to the United States, he became the chef at SWISSOTEL Buckhead, SWISSOTEL Drake New York City and the Grand Hyatt Buckhead. He notes his greatest achievement and challenge was opening his restaurant, Fisherman's Cove,



NGTC Culinary Instructor Chris Bladowski

on Lake Hartwell with his brother, Alex. Chris has been a culinary arts instructor at NGTC since 2006.

"Culinary arts is something I have always done. I would constantly train em-

ployees on new culinary techniques while I worked to stay current on food trends. It was natural to move from production to education when I came to teach students at NGTC," said Bladowski. NT0017229CA

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Benefit for John and Sherry Hutson

A benefit for John and Sherry Hutson will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Bethel Baptist Church from 3 PM till? We will have Gospel singing, a cake auction and hotdog plates for \$5. John is going through kidney cancer and is a Navy Veteran. For more information call Tommy Thomas at 706-435-0588.